

different aspects of human rights such as enforced or involuntary disappearances, torture, arbitrary detention or imprisonment, racial discrimination, religious intolerance, right to development, right to self determination as well as the question of human rights abuses in a number of countries, including those which revealed a pattern of gross and persistent violation of human rights.

(b) India's delegation took an active part in the work of these bodies and effectively put forward our position on various issues.

(c) A working group of the UN Commission on Human Rights has been preparing the text of "Draft Declaration on the Rights of Persons belonging to National or Ethnic, Religious and Linguistic Minorities". It is yet to complete its work.

National Research Centre for Mango in Andhra Pradesh

3521. PROF. UMMAREDDY VENKATESWARLU: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up a National Research Centre for Mango in Nuzvid area of Krishna district, Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K.C. LENKA) (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Oil Palm Cultivation

3522. PROF. UMMAREDDY VENKATESWARLU: Will the Minister of

AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Oil Palm plantation is being taken up on priority basis;

(b) if so, the details of the schemes drawn up for the purpose;

(c) the increase in production of palm oil as a result thereof during the last one year;

(d) whether the marketing and processing network for palm oil is adequate; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The schemes taken up by the Government of India for Oil Palm development are:-

i. Oil Palm India Ltd. (OPIL) was established in 1977 as a joint venture between Government of Kerala (51%) and Government of India (49%) to develop oil palm cultivation and processing in Kerala. Under this project, about 3300 ha. has been brought under cultivation of Oil Palm in the State.

ii. The Department of Bio-Technology of the Government of India has launched Oil Palm Demonstration Project (ODP) in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Kamataka and Maharashtra jointly with the concerned State Governments. A total area of about 3100 ha. has

been brought under the cultivation of oil palm in these States under this Project.

- iii. Schemes for the development of nurseries, seed gardens, demonstration plants and area expansion have been drawn up for States with potential for red oil palm development by the Department of Agriculture & Cooperation.

(c) The production of palm oil by OPIL has gone up to 2484 metric tonnes in 1990-91, from the level of 2108 metric tonnes during 1989-90.

(d) and (e). OPIL has its own processing and marketing arrangements for the palm oil produced in the OPIL estates. The processing capacity is under augmentation.

[Translation]

Backlog of Reserved Posts

3523. SHRI KRISHAN DUTT SULTANPURI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the backlog of posts reserved for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in his Ministry as on November 1, 1991;

(b) the number of such posts filled up during the last three months, category-wise; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to clear the backlog?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI):

(a) The backlog (in different categories of posts) of posts reserved for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes as on November 1, 1991 is as follows:

	SC	ST	TOTAL
Group D posts	Nil	2	2
Group C Pposts (LDCs, UDCs, Gr. III Stones)	19	17	36
Group B posts (Assistant, Cypher Assistants, Gr. II PAs, PSs)	19	35	54
Group A posts	Nil	Nil	Nil

(b) The number of such posts filled up during last three months category-wise, is as follows:

	SC	ST	TOTAL
Group D posts	5	3	8
Group C posts (LDCs, UDCs, Gr. III Stenos)	4	2	6